

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Without open discussion of the pros and cons of current issues, democracy dies. Antitrust laws were necessary to prevent individuals and corporations from gaining control over segments of the economy and using that control to their own advantage. In the same way, diversity and independence are essential for the wide dissemination of information and analyses. The evidence is clear: We need diversity, and competition is essential for diversity.